

**Senior Health and Wellness Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
November 1, 2011**

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Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/follow-up
Presentation: Scott A. Davis, Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator Montgomery County Police	<p><u>Introduction and Background:</u> The Crisis Intervention Team is trained to The calls from Seniors have been going up. It has particularly evident since 9/11 and also reflects the efforts of advocates to deinstitutionalize mental illness. The Community Health Act of 1963 lead to a more community based focus on service to but there are gaps in service opportunity as well as a crisis in funding.</p> <p>Training: The CIT training program is special training for police in Montgomery County and is a model program that provides background information when they are faced with a citizen with mental illness. It consists of 40 hours of training and an additional 10 hours on the use of a Taser. About 8% of the police force take the course, which is not required. The course includes the following subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thought disorders</li> <li>2. Mood Disorders</li> <li>3. Project Lifesaver</li> <li>4. Psychotropic medications</li> <li>5. Developmental Disorders</li> <li>6. Hoarding</li> <li>7. PTSD</li> </ol>	

	<p>Other content discussed include guardianship, suicide by cop and case studies</p> <p>This gives the policeman options prior to booking for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Referral</li> <li>2. Contact only</li> <li>3. Information on resources</li> <li>4. Request for Emergency Evaluation</li> <li>5. Pre-booking diversions for non-violent misdemeanor.</li> </ol> <p><u>Issues:</u> Not clear statistics regarding seniors and emergency calls. While referral can be made to crisis center or APS, follow-up is not available. State institutions can only handle forensic cases. There are no long term care programs for seniors. A diversion program is needed such as a Mental Health Court, AOT or other formal diversion program.</p>	
Next Meeting	December 6, 2011 from 9:00 a. m. – 10:30 a. m.	401 Hungerford Drive 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room Rockville, Maryland